

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTING MAGNUSON-STEVENS ACT PROVISIONS AND OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



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WE'RE DONE!

(Well...almost)

Actions Completed to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements

1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A

- ❖ **Specified ACLs and AMs for red snapper**
- ❖ **Established a rebuilding plan**
- ❖ **Implemented effective 12/3/10**



2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B

- ❖ **Specified ACLs and AMs for all snapper grouper species undergoing overfishing (eight species)**
- ❖ **Implemented effective 1/31/11**

3) Mackerel Amendment 18

- ❖ **Joint plan with the Gulf Council - Gulf lead Council**
- ❖ **Specified ACLs and AMs for species in the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP**
- ❖ **Implemented effective 12/29/11**

Actions Completed to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements

4) Spiny Lobster Amendment 10

- ❖ **Joint plan with the Gulf Council – SA lead Council**
- ❖ **Specified ACLs and AMs for spiny lobster**
- ❖ **Implemented effective 1/3/12**

5) Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2

- ❖ **Specified an ACL of 0 for the octocoral fishery**
- ❖ **Shortened the management unit for octocorals to include only in the FMU off of NC, SC, and GA**
- ❖ **Allowed FL to solely manage the fishery in FL state waters (where octocorals primarily occur) and the EEZ off FL**
- ❖ **Regulations to be implemented effective 1/20/12**



Actions Completed to Meet the Magnuson-Stevens Act Requirements

6) Comprehensive ACL Amendment

- ❖ **Specified ABC control rules, ACLs and AMs for species not undergoing overfishing (49 species)**
- ❖ **Proposed rule published 12/1/11**
- ❖ **Wreckfish ABC was lowered by SSC**
- ❖ **Amended proposed rule published 12/30/11**
- ❖ **Approved by Secretary on 1/18/12**

7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 24 (Red Grouper)

- ❖ **Implemented a rebuilding plan for red grouper**
- ❖ **Specified MSY and OY**
- ❖ **Established ACLs and AMs for both the recreational and commercial sectors**
- ❖ **Proposed rule and NOA sent to NOAA GC 1/10/12**

Status of SAFMC Catch Shares

Wreckfish Fishery (Amendment 20A)

- ❖ **Defines and reverts inactive wreckfish shares**
- ❖ **Redistributes reverted shares to remaining shareholders**
- ❖ **Establishes a share cap**
- ❖ **Establishes an appeals process**
- ❖ **Proposed rule published 1/12/12**



Status of SAFMC Catch Shares

Wreckfish Fishery (Amendment 20B)

Currently under development and will address:

- ❖ **Transfer eligibility requirements**
- ❖ **Cap on annual pounds**
- ❖ **Change in annual pound allocations when there is a change in ACL/TAC**
- ❖ **Use it or lose it policy for ITQ ownership**
- ❖ **Cost recovery**
- ❖ **Loan program to buy ITQs**
- ❖ **Approved landing sites**
- ❖ **Royalties**
- ❖ **New entrants program**
- ❖ **Incidental catch provisions**
- ❖ **VMS requirement**

Status of SAFMC Catch Shares

Golden Crab (Amendment 6)

- ❖ **Addresses eligibility criteria for a golden crab catch share program including: initial apportionment; criteria and structure of an appeals process; criteria for transferability; quota share ownership caps; use it or lose it policy; cost recovery plan; boat length limit rules; restrictions on where permitted vessels can fish; criteria for permit stacking; monitoring and enforcement, criteria for new entrants program; and approved landing sites**
- ❖ **Council will consider approving for Secretarial review at the March 2012 meeting**



OTHER SAFMC ACTIVITIES

Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3

Actions being considered:

- ❖ **Expand the Oculina and Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern**
- ❖ **Establish new Marine Protected Areas**
- ❖ **Prohibit powerheads**
- ❖ **Designate HAPCs for speckled hind and Warsaw grouper**
- ❖ **Develop a recreational tagging program for deep-water species**
- ❖ **Increase the minimum size limit for hogfish to 18" FL**
- ❖ **Change the size limit for gray triggerfish to 14" TL and bag limit to 5 per person per day**
- ❖ **Add African pompano to the appropriate FMU**
- ❖ **Modify permits and data reporting requirements**

OTHER SAFMC ACTIVITIES

Shrimp Amendment 9

- ❖ **Modifies the protocol for states to request concurrent closure of the EEZ during severe winter weather to expedite the process**
- ❖ **Revises the minimum stock size threshold (MSST) proxy for pink shrimp**



OTHER SAFMC ACTIVITIES

Spiny Lobster Amendment 11

- ❖ **Limits spiny lobster fishing in certain areas in Federal waters off the Florida Keys to protect threatened staghorn and Elkhorn corals**
- ❖ **Requires gear markings for spiny lobster trap lines in the Federal waters off Florida**



OTHER SAFMC ACTIVITIES

Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B (Golden Tilefish)

- ❖ **Develop and establish a program to limit participation in the golden tilefish fishery, including initial eligibility requirements for hook and line and longline endorsements; an appeals process; allocations among gear groups; transferability criteria; adjustments to the fishing year; modify the trip limit; trip limits for fishermen who receive and those that do not receive hook and line endorsements**
- ❖ **Council will consider approving for Secretarial review at the March 2012 meeting**

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QUESTIONS

